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## RUSSIA AND CUBA (Contd.)

At the same time, a number say this may be a turning point in the cold war, offering hope for the settlement of other cold war problems. "If the Cuban crisis can really be liquidated in a spirit of conciliation and good faith, a new era for mankind will have dawned," the Washington Post asserts. The Post sees the possibility of "a rational settlement in Berlin and steady progress toward disarmament."

The New York Herald Tribune holds that the week of crisis "marked a significant turning point in the Cold War." Everyone must hope for "resolution of some of the thorniest and most dangerous problems confronting the world," the Herald Tribune adds. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, "this is a time not for relaxation of peace efforts but for an intensification of them." The New York Times sees hope "not only for a solution of the Cuban crisis but also of the broader problems dividing East and West."

The possibility of ultimately reducing U.S. missile strength in Turkey is suggested, although commentators reject a pressured "swap" of Turkish for Cuban bases or any sacrifice of Turkey's defenses (e.g. Phila. Inquirer, Wall St. Journal, Wm. R. Hearst, Jr.). According to James Reston, the difficulties would be less military than "psychological and political"--to avoid any loss of confidence among our NATO allies. The Washington Post thinks maintenance of the NATO deterrent at its present strength could be worked out.

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